



Docket No.: 43876-162

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Craig HANSEN, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5073  
Serial No.: 10/757,851 : Group Art Unit: 2183  
Filed: January 16, 2004 : Examiner: To be assigned  
For: **METHOD AND SOFTWARE FOR PARTITIONED FLOATING-POINT  
MULTIPLY-ADD OPERATION**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Drawings**

Please replace the second sheet containing a drawing labeled Fig 31D with the attached sheet which re-labels this second occurrence of Fig. 31D as Fig. 31E. Also, please replace Figs. 42D, 44C-D and 45D-J with the attached sheets which are believed to be electronically reproducible. No new matter has been added.